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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest for Price Cap Areas
VTX Telecom, LLC**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

VTX Telecom, LLC ("VTXT") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ VTXT is already a Texas-approved competitive eligible telecommunications carrier (CETC) serving rural areas of Texas, and proposes deployment in additional areas as follows.

Proposed Service Areas

The experiment will provide broadband service and IP telephony, if requested, to 8,098 eligible high-cost locations in unserved high-cost Census Blocks within these Census Tract(s):

Texas:	County	Tract	GEO ID	Est. Total Cost
	Nueces	8	48355000800	95,000
	Nueces	35	48355003500	5,000
	Nueces	36.03	48355003603	15,000
	Nueces	58.02	48355005802	1,100,000
	Nueces	59	48355005900	1,000,000
	Nueces	60	48355006000	900,000
	Nueces	63	48355006300	60,000
	Cameron	101	48061010100	15,000
	Cameron	123.01	48061012301	25,000
	Cameron	123.04	48061012304	25,000
	Cameron	127	48061012700	15,000
	Brooks	9501	48047950100	3,500,000
	Jim Wells	9501	48249950100	1,500,000
	Live Oak	9501	48297950100	2,050,000
	Frio	9501	48163950100	150,000

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

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Texas:	<u>County</u>	<u>Tract</u>	<u>GEO ID</u>	<u>Est. Total Cost</u>
	Brooks	9502	48047950200	6,500
	Jim Wells	9502	48249950200	515,000
	Frio	9502	48163950200	50,000
	Live Oak	9503	48297950300	1,750,000
	Live Oak	9504	48297950400	600,000
	Jim Wells	9507	48249950700	750,000
	Atascosa	9601	48013960100	2,100,000
	Atascosa	9602.01	48013960201	350,000
	Atascosa	9602.02	48013960202	950,000
	Atascosa	9603	48013960300	80,000
	Atascosa	9604.01	48013960401	175,000
	Atascosa	9604.02	48013960402	150,000
	Atascosa	9605	48013960500	150,000
	Atascosa	9606	48013960600	1,250,000
	Nueces	9800	48355980000	25,000

Proposed Services

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream and of at least 768 kbps upstream using a combination of fixed wireless and fiber technologies.

Funding

VTXT has provided estimated total costs for each census tract based on knowledge of the area. VTXT intends to construct towers with electronics using unlicensed spectrum, construct fiber facilities, and obtain long-term indefeasible right to use agreements with other service providers to create a seamless, ubiquitous network. VTXT would prefer to seek one-time funding of costs from the Connect America Fund. The cost estimates will be refined if and when a formal proposal is submitted. VTXT expects service within the unserved high-cost Census Blocks to be offered within one year after construction starts. VTXT has extensive knowledge in working with federal and state agencies and in obtaining environmental approvals. Once approvals are achieved and construction begins, VTXT believes the one year time frame is adequate in providing service.

VTXT appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,



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